Ernest D. McDonald

Ernest D. McDonald, 82, of St. Francis Manor died Saturday, Feb. 13, at St. Francis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bruce Fuerbach, pastor of the Grinnell Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Organist will be Deloris Weaver, and pallbearers will be his grandsons. Burial will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom.

The son of Charles and Lydia Richmond McDonald, he was born Aug. 11, 1910, in Winter, S.D. He moved with his family to the Malcom area in 1920 and received his education there.

He was married to Grace Anna Paul Aug. 25, 1937, in Newton. The couple farmed near the community of Malcom, Montezuma, Newburg and Grinnell. He retired from farming in 1973 and worked until 1980 for Miracle Recreation Equipment Co.

Mrs. McDonald died in 1973. On Nov. 17, 1978, he was married to Jennie Fisch in Marshalltown.

Surviving are eight sons, Charles of Central City, Paul, Duane and Dean, all of Grinnell, Wesley of Marion and Keith, Roger and Henry, all of Newton; seven daughters, Annabelle Hunter of Ankeny, Dorothy Rhinehart of Brooklyn, Donna McDonald of Laurel, Diana Parker of Kennett, Marilyn Stames of Grinnell, Ellen McLain of Brooklyn and Faye Brown of Colfax; one stepson, David Fisch of Montezuma; one stepdaughter, Arna Kitzmann of What Cheer; 36 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Dolly McDonald, Viola Holderness and Edith Smith, all of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife and four husbands; one sister; one son; one grandson; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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